

## **Faculty Summer Reading 2014**

*The Third Teacher* by OWP/P Architects (2010) 256p.

Created by an international team of architects and designers concerned about our failing educational system. The book explores the critical link between the school environment and how children learn, and offers 79 practical design ideas, both great and small to improve our schools. - Amazon.com

*Focus: The Hidden Driver of Excellence* by Daniel Goleman (2013) 310p.

Attention is the “little-noticed and underrated mental asset,” sorely tested among modern distractions but essential to success in work, play, relationships and self-awareness, asserts Goleman. The ability to focus, more than IQ or social background, is the key to performance and success. – Booklist

*Choice Words* by Peter Johnston (2004) 120p.

Teachers create intellectual environments that produce literate human beings using their most powerful teaching tool: language. Johnston provides examples of apparently ordinary words, phrases and uses of language that are pivotal in the orchestration of the classroom. - Amazon.com

*Because of Mr. Terupt* by Rob Buyea (2011) 288p. (Children's literature)

Mr. Terupt follows in the footsteps of those inspiring teachers who encourage their students to think for themselves, question the conventions they understand about school and become better people. Told from the perspective of seven 5<sup>th</sup> graders, as they face their own flaws and react to the tragic accident that changes them all. – Booklist

*It's Complicated: the Social Lives of Networked Teens* by Danah Boyd (2014) 296p.

What is new about how teenagers communicate through services such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram? Youth culture and technology guru, Danah Boyd covers some of the major myths regarding teens' use of social media. She explores tropes about identity, privacy, safety, danger and bullying. – Amazon.com

*Only Way to Win: How Building Character Drives Higher Achievement and Greater Fulfillment in Business and Life* by Jim Loehr (2012) 272p. Loehr draws upon two decades of work with executives and world-class athletes to reveal surprising insights about achievement motivation. Specifically, Loehr finds that blind pursuit of external achievement often results in emptiness, addiction and poor performance. – Amazon.com

*Teaching with Love and Logic* by Jim Fay and David Funk (2010) 399.

Teachers often find themselves facing a variety of classroom situations never covered in initial training. This valuable resource helps teachers increase skills, enhance professional development and maximize classroom learning time. Discover why Love and Logic works in the school environment. – Amazon.com

*Smartest Kids in the World* by Amanda Ripley (2013) 320p.

In a global quest to find answers for American students the authors follow three American students embedded in countries for one year. Their stories, along with ground breaking research into learning in other cultures, reveal that none of these countries had many “smart” kids a few decades ago. The book reveals how teaching has become more rigorous, parents more focused and students had bought into the promise of education. – Amazon.com